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President Calls Top U.S. Envoys To Aid Parley

Will Give First-Hand Reports on Europe To Officials Here

President Truman today called four of his top representatives in Europe to the White House to give a first-hand report on European conditions to officials of Government agencies concerned with aid to Europe.

The President's move followed reports in some top official circles here that despite Russia's all-out battles against the Marshall plan for European economic recovery, the Soviet Union will stop short of a final breakdown of relations with this country any time soon.

The representatives reporting at the White House conference are Lewis W. Douglas, Ambassador to Great Britain; L. Gen. Walter Beckett Smith, Ambassador to Russia; Robert D. Murphy, political adviser in Germany, and Gen. Lucius D. Clay, United States military governor in Germany.

Summons to hear their reports were Under Secretary of State Lovett, Secretary of the Treasury Snyder, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, Under Secretary of State Clayton, Herbert E. Gaston, acting chairman of the Export-Import Bank, and two members of the bank's Board of Directors, Lynn Stambaugh and Clarence E. Gauss. Stambaugh and Gauss, vice president and Carl C. Farrington, vice president of the Commodity Credit Corp.

To Report Impressions

The meeting was described as one for the giving and receiving of information, not calling for any decisions.

Ambassadors Smith and Douglas, Gen. Clay and Mr. Murphy happened to be here at the same time for consultations, and it was thought that Mr. Truman thought it would be a good idea for them to report their first-hand impressions of conditions in Europe to officials handling aid problems here.

As the meeting broke up about 1 p.m., Secretary of the Treasury Snyder entered the White House after lunching with the President. His appearance was a surprise. State Department officials said he came from New York, where he is heading the American delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, this morning and would return to Washington after lunching with Mr. Truman.

The new estimate of the possible Russian attitude on avoiding a final break in the west, it was learned from official sources, is entering into basic planning now being undertaken for the Big Four foreign ministers' meeting November 25 at London for German and Austrian peace settlements. It also figures in development of American policies in the current United Nations' meeting at New York.

Campaign on Great Issues

The view is that Russia will campaign to the limit against the United States on great world issues but will not at this point be willing to wreck any important piece of machinery for international negotiation.

This opinion is understood to have been presented to State, defense and other policy-making officials by Ambassador Smith and Gen. Clay.

The week will bring major developments on at least three sectors of the economic front, all involving to some extent the Russian-American relationship.

Area Without Rain 17 Days; No Change Is Forecast

The Washington area went into its 17th day without rain today as the Weather Bureau forecast generally fair and continued mild conditions for the next 24 hours.

Dr. T. B. Symons, director of the University of Maryland Extension Service, said the dry spell has not yet affected winter wheat, the planting of which is near completion in some Maryland sections.

Assistant County Agent Kenneth Peterson of Fairfax, however, reported field planted in winter wheat and barley "need rain badly" in that county.

The Weather Bureau also told of complaints from Pennsylvania farmers who were beginning to feel effects of the lack of rain.

Washington's last rain was on September 26. Normal rainfall would be about 0.94 inch so far in October.

Farming areas south of Washington have had plenty of rain, almost too much in some places.

This morning's low was 56 degrees and the high yesterday was 72 degrees. Tonight's low was expected to be about 60, the forecaster said.

What the Russians Are Saying of Us:

The Moscow radio, broadcasting in French to Europe, said:

"American businessmen are busy turning Europe this way and that as if she were for sale. Their methods are often extremely coarse, as at the 16 nations conference, which was plainly horse trading. At other times, they tried to conquer Europe through so-called pan-European organizations. For instance, Churchill's 'Committee for the Formation of the United States of Europe' and the European Federation, directed by Coudenhove-Kalergi.

"United States monopolies regard the destruction of the international power of European countries with favor, in fact, this was the mainspring of pan-European organizations."

U. S. Consulate in Jerusalem Blasted; Woman Slightly Hurt

Bombing Is Believed Reprisal for Stand On Palestine Partition

By the Associated Press
JERUSALEM, Oct. 13.—A woman employed in the American Consulate in Jerusalem was slightly injured today by a bomb explosion which blew in upstairs windows of the building and littered the interior with plaster.

Police officials said the bomb had been tossed over the wall of the compound surrounding the Consulate and had exploded in a garden outside the building.

A single person, believed by police to be a woman, walked down a footpath on the dead-end street, heaved the bomb over the wall and walked away.

Mrs. Ethel De Levie, about 35, an American citizen of Providence, R. I., was slightly cut on the nose by broken glass.

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—AP Wirephoto.



CONSUL GENERAL ROBERT MACATEE.

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—AP Wirephoto.

Vishinsky Launches Another Big Attack On Truman Program

Presses Soviet Demand In U. N. for Withdrawal Of Troops From Greece

BULLETIN
LAKE SUCCESS (AP).—Russia lost her fight today to have the United Nations lay blame for the Balkan disturbances on the internal situation in Greece and on "interference" by the United States and Britain. Earlier Russia's Andrei Y. Vishinsky denied that the Communist International had been revived.

RUSSIA, EXPECTED TO BACK Palestine partition, will give votes today.

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By the Associated Press

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 13.—Russia's Andrei Y. Vishinsky today launched another major attack on the Truman program of aid to Greece and pressed the Soviet demands for immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops and military personnel from Greece.

He also demanded creation of a United Nations' commission to supervise the American aid program.

The Soviet chief delegate here charged the United States and Britain were "afraid" of this kind of commission because they were guilty of what he called "intervention" in the internal affairs of Greece.

Conceding Defeat of Resolution.

Mr. Vishinsky spoke before the General Assembly's 57-nation Political Committee.

He conceded that his resolution would be defeated, but said "Russia will continue its struggle for removal of the threat to Greece."

Mr. Vishinsky described American attempts to place the blame for the current Balkan difficulties on Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia as a "fiasco." This was a reference to a United States decision to accept a French-British compromise modifying charges of guilt against the three Balkan satellites of Russia.

Foreign Interference Blamed.

The Political Committee approved a United States plan Saturday, 36 to 6, for a U. N. "watchdog" committee to keep an eye on the Balkan situation, a bloc cast the only dissenting votes.

Russia's resolution lays the blame for border unrest on the present Greek government and foreign interference and also calls for a U. N. commission to supervise foreign economic aid to Greece. An identical resolution was voted down last summer in the Security Council, 9 to 2.

Argentina Gives Italy \$175,000,000 Credit

By the Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 13.—Argentina signed a trade treaty today with Italy, granting that country a \$175,000,000 credit and providing for shipment of 750,000 tons of Argentine cereals.

Police Told of Match Torture During Quiz in Deserted House

Carpenter Says He Was Grilled About \$13,000 Robbery

Police today were investigating the story of a 31-year-old carpenter that he was dragged, kidnapped and tortured early yesterday after being ordered from his parked automobile by a man who flashed a police badge.

According to police, the tale was related by Carl J. Akowsky, 3950 C street S.E., who said he was questioned about safe robbery at 4½ hours in a half-completed house while lighted matches were applied to the soles of his feet.

Police said the carpenter told them he was ordered from his car near the Marine Barracks at Eighth and C streets S.E. at about 12:30 a.m. yesterday by a tall man who displayed a badge. On leaving his car, he told detectives, he was dragged from behind and placed in another automobile, where his undershirt was taken off and fastened over his face with adhesive tape.

The unfinished house was reached about 25 minutes later, he continued, his shoes were taken off, and the

torment and questioning began.

He said the questioning involved a \$13,000 safe robbery which occurred in August at the home of James Mahorney, 3027 Adams street N.E.

At about 5 a.m., the carpenter was quoted as relating, he was

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De Gasperi's Party Runs Slightly Ahead Of Pro-Communists

Christian Democrats' Lead in Italy Cut Down by People's Bloc

By the Associated Press
ROME, Oct. 13.—Premier Alcide De Gasperi's Christian Democrats and the pro-Communist People's Bloc drew nearly even today in the tabulation of returns from yesterday's municipal election in Rome.

Mr. De Gasperi's party of the center, supported by the Vatican, was battling an eventual leftist challenge to its control of the national government.

It was only 3,000 votes ahead of the People's Bloc in partial returns from 1,177 of the city's 1,223 precincts.

Lead Whittled Down.

The Christian Democrats had taken an early commanding lead, but the bloc whittled this down until at 3 p.m. the vote stood 139,924 for the Christian Democrats to 136,925 for the People's Bloc.

The People's Bloc, made up of Communists, Fusionists (pro-Communists), Socialists led by Pietro

De Gasperi Escapes Injury When Plane Crash-Lands at Rome

By the Associated Press

ROME, Oct. 13.—Premier Alcide De Gasperi and government officials narrowly escaped injury in a crash-landing of the presidential plane in Rome yesterday.

Witnesses said the plane, which was taking the party to Padua, turned back shortly after the take-off because of engine trouble. In landing at Centocelle Airport, the plane skidded, wrecking a propeller and damaging both wings.

Mr. De Gasperi flew to Padua an hour later in another plane.

Nenni and two minor leftwing parties, ran far ahead of the field in the first postwar municipal election in Rome last year.

The voting yesterday was held to fill 90 council seats. It was necessitated because neither the right nor left got a majority last year and the council deadlocked over the choice of a mayor. In all, the Romans had 13 tickets to choose from. No splitting was permitted.

Leftists Ousted in June.

Mr. De Gasperi ousted leftists from his national government in June. The city election was watched particularly to determine how his political strength was affected by leftists' attacks since on his regime.

Far down in third place was Giuseppe Saragat's Moderate Italian Socialist Laborers' Party, which broke from the traditional Socialists in January in a dispute over co-operation with Communists, also was far behind.

Rees Says Red Holds \$10,000 Job in FPMA

FBI and Police Said To Have Record of Regional Director

By Joseph Young

A "known Communist" is being kept on the Government payroll as a \$10,000-a-year official with the Federal Public Housing Authority, Chairman Rees of the House Civil Service Committee charged today.

Although Mr. Rees did not identify the official by name, he said he was one of the FPMA regional directors.

"The FBI conducted an investigation of him in 1942, which revealed that at least eight reliable witnesses stated that while in college and subsequently, he was a member of the Communist Party or was associated with Communist-front organizations and publications," Mr. Rees said.

Furthermore, the Kansas charged, a check of a Metropolitan Police Department "the place was not specified" shows that the official in question is "on a list of known Communists."

Calls Inquiry Ineffective.

Mr. Rees cited the case as an "outstanding example" of the "ineffectiveness" of the present loyalty investigation program.

The official, Mr. Rees said, was an executive director of a field housing agency until 1945, when he assumed the position of a regional director with the FPMA.

Referring to the FBI report, Mr. Rees said:

"This report of investigation was furnished the National Housing Agency in 1942, but no action was taken because it was said he was not then a Federal employee."

Mr. Rees said that in June, 1945, the Civil Service Commission authorized the man's appointment to his present position as regional director subject to investigation.

No Further Action Taken.

Although the commission knew of his background, no further investigation has been taken in the case, Mr. Rees said.

"He is a war service employee, does not have classified status and in spite of the derogatory information in the files of the FPMA and the Civil Service Commission, he has been continuously employed in the Federal Government for more than two years," Mr. Rees said.

Commissioner Dillon S. Myer of the FPMA made the following statement:

"All our regional directors served in the housing field with distinction during the war. There is no reason to believe that any of them are disloyal in any way."

However, if the loyalty of any employee is in question, the machinery now being set up as part of the loyalty program will be used by us to ascertain the facts."

Mr. Rees, whose own loyalty measure was passed by the House, but has not been acted on by the Senate, said he would be "fair to Federal employees and at the same time it will protect the Federal Government against the infiltration of disloyal employees."

He said the present loyalty program permits agencies to wait 18 months before conducting the preliminary checkup of all employees.

"In other words, under the present program, an agency may withhold the names of those employees about

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3 Americans Saved From Minesweepers

By the Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Oct. 13.—Three American castaways were transferred to the Navy Patrol Craft 881 at 4:15 a.m. today (9:15 a.m. E.S.T.), ending 19 days adrift in the Pacific on a group of powerless minesweepers.

The Hawaiian Sea Frontier said the men were aboard two of the four minesweepers on which they drifted away from the vicinity of Palmyra Atoll September 24.

The rescued men said the other two had sunk October 1.

The men, apparently in the best of health despite their long ordeal, were William B. Hopkins, Washington and Leonard Metts and Horace Crosby, both of Charleston, S. C.

The rescue report they did not need medical attention.

They were sighted from the air Saturday about 440 miles northeast of Palmyra and planes had kept them under surveillance until the surface vessel arrived.

The misadventure began when the tug Edward M. Grimm, which was towing the four 85-foot sweepers from Charleston to Manila, ran out of fuel after bucking headwinds in the Eastern Pacific.

The tug had to cut the tow loose and limp into Palmyra. Returning it was unable to locate the sweepers and finally enlisted aid of the Navy and Air Force.

A faint radio signal from an emergency sea board one of the sweepers eventually led to discovery of the missing men.

NLRB Seeks Injunction Against Secondary Boycott

By the Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Oct. 13.—The National Labor Relations Board today sought a Federal Court injunction to prohibit an AFL-CIO union local from exercising a secondary boycott in the second case under the Taft-Hartley Law.

Federal Judge Leslie Darr set a hearing on a union motion for dismissal of the NLRB petition for today with arguments on the application to follow immediately if the motion is thrown out.



Joint Political Action By Three Big Unions Urged by CIO Chief

Murray Makes Appeal to Rail Brotherhood and AFL; Cardinal Speaks

BULLETIN
BOSTON (AP).—CIO President Philip Murray said today that he was appealing to the American Federation of Labor and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen for a "joint program of effective political action."

...to insure the election of candidates responsive to the needs of the American people."

AFL VOTES DUES RAISE for million political education fund.

By the Associated Press
BOSTON, Oct. 13.—A Catholic archbishop today asked the CIO to support such parts of American foreign policy as will provide "food, money, coal, clothing, friendship and faith" for the needy of the world.

This plea by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston—opened a CIO convention that is fast taking on international importance.

Secretary of State Marshall was the hottest topic as 600 or more delegates gathered for the first session. In the midst of an international crisis, the CIO leadership invited Gen. Marshall and American motives in helping Europe.

Archbishop Cushing in his address praised the CIO and organized labor generally.

He said he hopes the CIO with its "great, far-reaching prestige" will back the human war on hunger and fear abroad. He called for "nonpolitical" aid to "all the needy of the world who turn to us."

All indications are that the CIO convention will endorse just such a nonpolitical program.

Further leaders in the CIO's right-wing majority are convinced that the invitation to Gen. Marshall, its acceptance and the speech itself should have an important effect on European workers and increase the United States Government's prestige in labor circles.

According to this view, many European workers will be impressed by the fact that the CIO is friendly to Gen. Marshall, who is being denounced in pro-Soviet propaganda.

First Labor Speech.

It will be Gen. Marshall's first speech before a labor convention.

The CIO leaders refused to comment publicly. President Philip Murray said only that he is "delighted" that Senator Marshall will speak.

The international situation has captured top billing at this convention, but there are other matters.

For example:

1. Mr. Murray in his annual report (See CIO, Page A-4.)

Appeal Refused in 'Feud' Case Of Justices Jackson and Black

By the Associated Press

The Supreme Court today refused to hear a case which held the possibility of an early showdown in the feud between Justices Jackson and Black.

Justice Jackson in his sensational statement from Nuremberg, Germany, in June, 1946, warned Justice Black he should never again take part in a case filed by Mr. Black's former law partner, Justice Black did not reply publicly.

Today the court refused to consider a new case filed by Justice Black's one-time partner, Crampton Harris of Birmingham, Ala.

If the tribunal had agreed to hear the case Justice Black would have been faced with the alternative of eliminating himself from the case during the argument and on the decision or remaining on the bench during the argument and taking part in the decision in defiance of Justice Jackson's warning.

Loss in New Florida Hurricane Is Estimated at \$24,500,000

More Than 3,000 Homes Damaged in Miami Area; Flooded Crops Called 'Disaster'

By the Associated Press
MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 13.—More than 3,000 homes in the Greater Miami area were reported damaged by floods today in the wake of a freak hurricane which moved northeastward in the Atlantic after slicing across Florida.

Highest waters in more than a quarter-century inundated vast areas of Southeastern Florida, inflicting crop damage estimated between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000. In greater Miami, unofficial appraisal placed damage to homes at \$4,500,000.

With winds up to 60 miles an hour, the storm lashed across Southern Florida Saturday and yesterday and moved toward the northeast, accompanied by heavy squalls.

Commissioner of Agriculture Nathan Mayo called the hurricane the greatest farm disaster in more than a generation. Tons of water poured down from the Everglades, where many fields and grazing lands already were covered.

He estimated the multi-million-dollar farm damage after receiving reports from throughout the area.

Thousands of residents sought refuge in schools and other public buildings as hundreds of homes were flooded and mass evacuations were carried out. Highways were under water and transportation facilities were crippled.

At Fort Lauderdale the Red Cross added 1,800 flood victims to its list, and about 1,000 persons were moved to the Pompano state farmers' market from the Pompano Beach market.

(See HURRICANE, Page A-3.)

Court of Appeals Bars Man Beaten to Death In Cabin Identified As Ohio Pastor

Affirms Verdict for Man Who Claimed Beating By Deputies in 1940

By William G. Pollard
The Court of Appeals ruled today that it is illegal to enter a dwelling forcibly in order to serve a civil process.

The ruling was made in affirming a District Court verdict for \$6,500 in behalf of John J. Foreman, whose home in the 1100 block of Owen place N.E. was entered by deputy marshals in January, 1940, while another person was being sought, according to a complaint on which the verdict was awarded earlier in the lower court.

The deputies, after entering, struck Mr. Foreman, it was charged.

Sought Brother-in-Law.

The deputies had a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Foreman's brother-in-law, who lived in the Foreman home. The brother-in-law had been adjudged in contempt of court for failure to pay alimony, and was sought on a warrant for that reason, the court papers brought out.

"There was evidence that the deputies forced an entrance late at night by pushing an unlocked door hard enough to overcome appellee's (Mr. Foreman's) resistance and afterward struck and arrested appellee," the Court of Appeals said.

The verdict in the lower court was against the estate of the late John B. Colpoys, who was United States marshal at the time the deputies entered Mr. Foreman's home, and

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Ibn Saud's Son in Hospital

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13 (AP).—With a policeman outside his door as a guard of honor, Prince Talal El Saud of Arabia was in Franklin Hospital today for a check-up. The 18-year-old son of King Ibn Saud entered the hospital yesterday.

Turkey Ridicules Charge Of Attack on Greeks

By the Associated Press
ISTANBUL, Oct. 13.—A spokesman for the Turkish General Staff ridiculed today a Moscow broadcast quoting a Greek "Democratic Army" (guerrilla) radio report that Turkish troops had twice fired on Greek guerrillas in recent weeks.

District Heads Agree to Appoint Food Committee

Emergency Funds To Pay for Study Of Problem Here

The District Commissioners agreed today to name a food conservation committee for Washington as requested by Chairman Charles Luckman of the Citizens' Food Committee.

A local chairman will be named first probably late today. He then will be asked to confer with the Commissioners on selection of committee members and on plans for the drive. The three Commissioners will serve as ex-officio committee members.

District emergency funds will be used, the Commissioners agreed, to pay a staff of "investigators" who will study ways and means of saving food in Washington. The Commissioners did not determine how many investigators would be employed or how much would be spent. The details will be worked out with the committee chairman.

Proclamation Planned.

The Commissioners also will issue a proclamation, as requested by Mr. Luckman, calling on Washington to observe meatless Tuesdays and eggless Thursdays and to save a slice of bread a day. Public eating places will be asked to serve bread only when requested. This proclamation will supersede the one issued several weeks ago calling on the public to observe two meatless days a week. Theoretically, at least, the public will gain a day of meat-eating. Actually, there is no evidence of any observance of the earlier proclamation.

Mayors of all cities with more than 10,000 population were asked to set up food committees like the one being formed by the District.

Drive Faces Two Hurdles.

Meanwhile, on the national level, the food conservation drive faced two major hurdles.

Representatives of the National Distillers' Association, with Chairman Luckman to give their final answer

No Meat Tomorrow

Tomorrow is the second meatless Tuesday in the food conservation drive. If you want to help the Nation-wide voluntary plan to save 100,000,000 bushels of grain, plant today to eat no meat tomorrow.

To the Government's request for a 60-day shutdown. They face a 60-day legal action by the AFL's Distillery Workers' Union, which claims a shutdown would violate the Taft-Hartley labor law.

The National Restaurant Association's Industry Advisory group will meet and then call on Mr. Luckman. It is